LOCAL MENTION. AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

Chevy Chase Park .- Music. Gonzága College Grounds.-St. Aloysius Festival and Lawn Party. New National Theater .- "My Awful Dad."

EXCURSIONS TOMORROW.

Steamer Macalester for Marshall Hall at 11 a.m. and 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Steamer River Queen for Marshall Hall

Steamer Norfolk for Norfolk and Fort ress Monroe at 7 p.m. Steamer Samuel J. Pentz for River View at 11 a.m., 2.45 and 6:15 p.m. Steamer Potomac for Baltimore and river

Steamer Harry Randall for Colonial Beach and river landings at 7 a.m. Steamer John Sylvester for Colonial Beach at 9 a.m.

landings at 4 p.m.

Steamer Jane Moseley for Colonial Beach Trains leave the Baltimore and Ohio station for Bay Ridge at 9:35 a.m., 1:30 and

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CITY AND DISTRICT. AMUSEMENTS.

New National Theater. - Robertson's "School" will be the attraction at the New National Theater next week.

The Gonzaga Lawn Party.-Rain again interfered with the festivities at the Conzaga lawn party last evening, but it did not succeed in cutting down the attendance very materially, judging from the number who patronized the booths and enjoyed the many attractions on the grounds. New entertainment features were provided last evening by Manager Kummer, and a large number crowded the payflion to see the different turns. The fete is one of the most complete affairs of its kind ever held in Washington, and the visitor who chances in at the gate feels amply repaid before ten minutes have passed. It will run about all of next week, and there now seems to be no doubt of its entire financial success.

Music at the White House.

The program of music by the Marine Band at the White House grounds this afternoon at 5:45 o'clock is as follows: March-"Col. Wilson"......Clappe Overture-"William Tell"..... scences of Mendelssohn.....Godfrey March-"The Crusaders"... .Sousa Medley—"A Night in Eohemia"...Fanciulli (A potpourri of old and new songs, ending "The Man That Wrote Ta-ra-ra-boom-Characteristic-"The Forge in the Forest" Michaells March—"The American Eagle" Fanciulli Patriotic hymn-"Hail, Columbia" Fyles

Bought 600 Head of Cattle.

An important purchase of cattle was recently made by Mr. A. T. Keane of this city. Upward of 600 head of stock intended for the northern and export trade was bought by him from Bedford Glascock and other dealers in Fauquier county, Va. The reputation that cartle from this section have is evidenced by the fact that they command the very highest price of any stock in open market.

Personally Conducted Tours to Nia gara Falls via Pennsylvania Railroad The passenger department of the Pennsylvanta ratiroad announces a series of personally conducted tours to Niagara Falls, leaving Washington by special train 7:30 a.m. August 6 and 20, September 5 and 17. Rate, \$10, tickets good for ten days Advit

I. O. M. at Bay Ridge July 27. The I. O. M. of Washington will hold their annual reunion at Bay Ridge on Monday, July 27, and they cordially invite all members and friends to join them. Trains leave B. & O. depot 9:15 a.m. and 4:28 p.m.

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Reduction in Rate to Bay Ridge. The rate to Bay Ridge, the beautiful ex-cursion resort on the Chesapeake Bay, has been reduced this season to 50 cents for adults, except for evening train a rate of 75 cents will be charged, with rebate of 25 cents after coupon is stamped by ticket agent at Bay Ridge. Half rate for children between the ages of 5 and 12 years. Trains leave B. and O. depot week days, 9:15 a.m. and 4:28 p.m.; Sundays, 9:35 a.m., 1:30 and 3:15 p.m.—Advt.

Withdrawal of Local Trains Between Washington and Alexandria.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company an nounces that, taking effect Monday, July 27, the following local trains will be with-drawn from service between Washington and Alexandria: Trains now leaving Washington for Alexandria at 9:45, 11:50 a.m., 12:50, 3:20, 5:37, 8:02, 10:10 and 11:42 p.m. Leaving Alexandria for Washington at 10:15 a.m., 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 6:13, 7:00 and 9:10 p.m. The following local trains will remain in service: Leave Washington for remain in service: Leave Washington for Alexandria, 6:35, 8:40 a.m., 1:40, 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.; leave Alexandria for Washington, 6:05, 7:05 and 9:10 a.m., 2:15 and 5:30 p.m. After same date, all local Sunday trains between the two cities will be withdrawn from service—Advt. drawn from service .- Advt.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return. The B. and O. Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from Washington to Bal-timore for all trains of Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26, at the rate of \$1.25 for the round-trip, valid for return passage un-til the following Monday.—Advt.

Seashore Excursions via Pennsylva-

nia Railroad. On Fridays and Saturdays during June, July and August the Pennsylvania railroad will sell excursion tickets for 10 and 11 a.m. trains to Atlantic City, Cape May and Sea Isle City at rate of \$5 for the round trip. Good to return until the following Tuesday. Advertisement.

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'Trustees' sale of the neat and attractive three-story and cellar brick dwelling, No. 1248 Kenesaw avenue, Columbia Heights, will take place on Monday at 5 o'clock.

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IN MUSICAL CIRCLES

Columbia Phonograph Company, 919 Pa. ave. n.w.—Exhibition of the Graphophone and Kinetoscope.

The Outlook for Next Season Not Considered Encouraging. Encouraging.

> The Choral Society Displays the Most Activity of the Local Organizations.

Many people think that the outlook for next season from a musical standpoint is not very encouraging. They point to the fact that in the year of a presidential election there is always a hard time in musical circles, and that the coming fall will be werse than usual, because it will follow upon a couple of seasons that have been disastrous to many ventures. Generally at this time there is some indication, either in absolute booking or in inquiries for time, of the musical attractions that will visit Wash-

ington during the following winter. Only one attraction for next season in that line has been positively booked, and that is the Boston Symphony Orchestra, which will give its usual series of five concerts, and is booked at the new Columbia Opera House. It is also probable that Ro-Opera House. It is also probable that Rosenthal, the planist, will give one or more recitals in this city. Who he will bring with him is not yet known. It has been several years since he visited this city, and he will be welcomed by those who heard ard admired him before, as well as by those who now only know him by the high reputation he has acquired by his brilliant work across the water.

Work across the water.

Henry Marteau, the young French violinist who created such a favorable impression during his first visit to Washington, will come to this country again next sea-son, and it is hoped he will be heard here. Locally, things musical are not very ac-tive, the only society that has formulated any definite plans for the season being the Choral Society. An outline of what this organization will do has already been published in The Star. Mr. Stone, the secre-tary of the Georgetown Orchestra, says that no definite plans have yet been arranged for next season. The orchestra may give two concerts, or it may simply re hearse under Mr. Gloetzner's direction, and not appear publicly at all.

Mr. Oswald Welti will be heard in solo fork next season, as it is said to be his intention to give one or two recitals, where his skill as a violinist can be displayed. He has also a plan of joining with two other musicians to play chamber music.

Mr. Herman Rakemann is playing at Lake George.

Mr. Henry Xander has accepted the musical directorship of the Washington Saengerbund and will enter upon his duties.

It is understood that Mr. John Porter Lawrence, who will be the director of the new quartet choir of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, is very anxious to secure Mrs. Margaret Nolan-Martin as the contralto, but it is not yet settled that she will leave St. Matthew's, where she nas sung for many years

Miss Anita Cluss, harp virtuoso of this city, was recently engaged to play harp so-los at Keith's New Theater in Boston, Mass., where she met with marked success In fact, Miss Cluss has been highly successful wherever she has played this sum-

Miss Wood entertained the Sunday Night Music Club at her residence, on M street. The program included the first Beethoven piano concerto, arranged as a duet, and played by Misses Rebecca Behrend and played by Misses Rebecca Behrend and Bessie Moore; a Svensden romance, for vio-lin, by Miss Florence King, and one of the Haydn symphonics. Miss Bertie Reichen-bach sang three numbers, and the club commenced the study of the Mozart "Con-cert Arias," written for soprano and or-chestra. All of the compositions were played with string quartet accompaniment.
Conductor T. P. Brooke selebrated his
one hundredth Philadelphia concert with his Chicago Marine Band at Lincoln Park, Assurday, July 18, with anusual music, before an enormous attendance. Added to the program was Dalbey's great descriptive piece, "From Fireside to Battlefield," and Conductor Brooke gave this with the assist-arouse the most pa open-air spectacle in the same park, honored the occasion by presenting Mr. Brooke's picture in fire, in a frame thirty feet square.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET.

Products Plentiful and Prices Prac tically Unchanged.

The condition of the local wholesale produce market today is practically that of last week, although a slight downward tendency is developing in those products which are now reaching their height. Butter shows absolutely no change in price, although its quality is somewhat improved. Eggs do not yet show the appreciable rise in prices expected last week. Poultry is active, but the large supply is met by an equally large demand, so that prices remain unchanged. Vegetables and fruits are arriving, not only in increasing quantities, but also in fast improving condition. Beef and other meats remain practically as quoted for some time. The market throughout is abundantly supplied, and its tone is healthy and brisk.

As has been the case for some time, the demand for fine goods in butter is large, and while prices are as last quoted, the market is firm and healthy. The prices prevailing today are: Fancy Elgin and western extras, 17 cents a pound; choice, 16; firsts, 14; seconds, 13; choice bakers' stock 10 to 12; extra square wint. stock, 10 to 12; extra square print, 22 to 25; New York tubs, 12; dairy print,14; western, 10; Maryland and Virginia creamery, 14; dairy packed, 12.

The following prices for cheese show that

it remains as it has been for several weeks: New York state full creum, large, 9 cents a pound; flats, 9, and ponys, 10.
Eggs are still quite slow, although there is a slight upward tendency developing, and indications point to the fact that any change in prices will be upward rather than downward. Today nearby fresh are selling at 11 cents a downwith selling at 11 cents a dozen, with western fresh and southern from half to a cent

The following quotations for poultry show that there is practically no change in it: Live chickens, 11 to 13; old fowls, 5 to 8; flucks, 10 to 12; and geese, 6 to 8.

Vegetables and fruits are plentiful, but vegetables and fruits are plentiful, but prices are practically unchanged: Cucumbers, per box, 40c.; carrots, per barrel, \$1.50; cauliflower, per barrel, \$4; kale, per barrel, 50a75c.; celery, per dozen, 25a75c.; squash, per box, 75c.; lettuce, per barrel, \$2.50a\$3; per basket, \$1a\$1.50; potatoes, fancy, new, per barrel, \$1.25; choice, per barrel, \$1.25; choice, per barrel, \$1.25; choice, per barrel, \$1.25; choice, per barrel, \$1.50; per barrel, lancy, new, per barrel, \$1.25; choice, per barrel, \$1: new, per bushel, 25a40c.; culls, per barrel, 40a60c.; sweet potatoes, red, per barrel, \$1.50a\$2: common, \$2a\$2.50; yams and haymons, barrel, \$1.50a\$2; tomatoes, per crate, Florida, 50c.; per crate, native, 25a40c.; egg plant, per half barrel box, \$2a\$2.50; beets, per 100 bunches, \$1.50a\$2.50; cabbage, per 100, \$1.50; per crate, here. box, \$2a\$2.50; beets, per 100 bunches, \$1.50a \$2.50; cabbage, per 100, \$1.50; new, per barrel, 40c.; onions, Bermuda, per crate, \$1.40a \$1.50; yellow, per barrel, \$1.25; yellow, new, per bushel, 40a50c.; turnips, per barrel, 50c. a\$1; squash, white, per crate, \$1.25; beans, white, New York mediums, \$1.10; New York pea, \$1.05; marrow, \$1.20; Virginia, white, 75c.; white, mixed, 50c.; colored, 50a 60c.; apples, fancy table, barrel, \$1.75a\$2; per box, 50a60c.; choice, per barrel, \$1.50a \$1.75; common, per box, 25a40c.; pears, La Conte, per barrel, \$2a\$3; per box, 70a80c.; peaches, fancy, free stone, per bushel box, peaches, fancy, free stone, per bushel box, \$1; medium, 75c.a\$1; per box, 50a75c.; %-bushel baskets, 50a60c.; oranges. California, fancy, bright, per box, \$4a\$4.50; Messi-

nia, fancy, bright, per box, \$4a\$4.50; Messina, per box, \$3.50a\$5; Valencia, cases, \$3a \$3.50; lemons, Sicily, per box, \$2a\$3; raspberries, red, per quart, 7a8c.; black, per quart, 7a8c.; whortleberries, per quart, 4a 5c.; blackberries, per quart, 3a4c.; grapes, per 10-lb. basket, 20a30c.; per 5-lb. basket, 10a12c.; pineapples, 7a11c.; cantaloupes, per barrel, \$1.50a\$2; watermelons, per 100, \$15a \$20. Beef and other meats show the following prices prevailing, practically those noticed for some time: Live cattle, from 1 to 4½ cents a pound; lambs, 4 to 5; sheep, 11/2 to

21/2; cows with calves, \$20 to \$35; calves, 3 to 41/2 cents a pound. Cabin John Bridge. If you don't know what to do with your-self tomorrow, take a ride out to Cabin John bridge. You can get excellent meals at the hotel.—Advt.

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AMONG THE WORKINGMEN.

More Correspondence With President Phillips-May Be Trouble at Lakeland The committee appointed on the part of the Central Labor Union to call on President Phillips of the Metropolitan Railway Company and ask him if it was true, as reported, that he had discharged two of his employes because they were members of Labor Union, No. 26, of Electrical Workers, yesterday afternoon went to the office of the company in Georgetown to perforn the duty assigned them, but were unable on account of his absence to see Mr. Phillips. The committee will make another

effort to have an interview with Mr. Phillips before the meeting of the Central Labor Union Monday evening.

Secretary Torrens of the C. L. U. has received a letter from Mr. Phillips in reply to one from the former on the subject of the visit of the committee. Inclosed in the communication from the president of the railread company was a cutting from a morning paper denying that Mr. Phillips was opposed to labor unions, and also a copy of the statement relative to the discharge of the men from Secretary Wilson, as published in The Star several weeks

Mr. Phillips also stated in his letter that he was not responsible for the dismissals. as they were made by order of the board of directors, but that he would call the attention of the directors to Mr. Torrens letter at the next meeting of the board. Officers of Pavers' Protective Union, to serve for the ensuing term, were installed last evening, the temporary officers, whose names have already appeared in The Star, having been made permanent. The fol-lowing were elected delegates to the Cen-tral Labor Union: Messrs. E. P. Lynch, Frank Stewart, Thomas Vetterhoff, John Slaver and William Rogers. Ten new members were admitted.

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At the meeting of the Bricklayers' Union At the meeting of the Bricklayers' Union last night the committee on contracts for suits and hats for Labor day reported having concluded a contract with Robinson, Chery & Co. to furnish suits for that occasion. The contract for hats will not be awarded for several days.

The members of the union will be uniformed in dark blue flannel sack suits, with dark brown federa hats. It is stated that

dark brown fedora hats. It is stated that at least 550 suits will be ordered and that not less than that number of the membership will participate in the parade.

The construction of the power house of rected to notify the men to quit work, and the secretary was instructed to inform the Baltimore and Hagerstown unions of the conditions at Lakeland and request that no members of these organizations be permit-

ted to work upon this construction. The secretary was also instructed to communicate with the Central Labor Union and Building Trades Council and request that those bodies take action in the matter. It is considered that the conditions under which this work is being done are such as to demand immediate and decisive action it being reported that the men are working ten hours per day at a wage of \$3.30. The union requires that \$4 shall be paid as the wage of a day of eight hours.

EXCURSIONS.

Sunday seems to be the most popular day of the season at Marshall Hall. Many who are unable to leave the city during th week take advantage of Sunday to steal away and spend the day on the green lawns, under the wide-spreading shade trees, and enjoy the cool river breezes. The numerous amusements of an innocent character and the delightful sacred concerts given by Prof. Schreeder's band add much to the pleasure of the day. An excellent course dinner is always ready in the big dining hall, while the steamers have excellent cafes. The steamer Macalester leaves 7th street wharf at 11 a.m., 2:30 and 6:30 p.m., and the steamer River Queen leaves at 3 p.m. The last steamer leaves Marshall Hall for return trip at 8:30 p.m.

Monday evening the Naval Lodge, No. 4. F. A. A. M., will give its annual excursion to Marshall Hall on the steamer Macalester. The Masons are famous for their hos-pitality, and the Naval Lodge will do all in its power to make every guest enjoy the evening. All the amusements at Marshall Hall will be in full swing, while dancing in band will continue during the entire evening. Boats leave at 10 a.m., 2:30 and 6:30

The steamer George Leary will leave this evening at 6 from the 6th street wharf for an excursion to Norfolk and Old Point. The return will be made Monday morning about 7 o'clock, and tickets and state rooms may be obtained at the offices of the com-

The steamer Sue leaves her wharf every Saturday at 5 o'clock for Piney Point. The arrival at the Point is made the same eventhe organization as a whole, there is this ing, so that no state room is required, and to be said: the return trip is made Sunday evening at 11. The hotel at the Point is one of the best on the river, while there is plenty of amusement for all at that resort.

The excursion which was to have been given last evening by St. Stephen's parish has been postponed until further notice. The regular trips of the steamer Jane Moseley will be made to Colonial Beach to-morrow morning and this evening. The time of starting tomorrow is 9 a.m., while the start will be made this evening at 6:30. The Jane Moseley is well known to river excursionists as a fast, safe, commodious boat, and no mistake will be made by those who take an outing on her. The attraction this evening at Colonial Beach is doubled on account of the ball to be given there, and this will undoubtedly influence a great number to make the trip. Passengers may stay over until tomorrow evening or make the return trip tonight, just as they please.

The steamer John Sylvester will leave this evening at 5, instead of 6 o'clock, for Co-lonial Beach. This change is made on account of the fact that a grand ball will be in progress at the Casino, at the Beach, this evening, and the management of the boat wishes to give excursionists all the time possible to enjoy it. The boat will leave the Beach on the return trip at 1 a.m., leave the Beach on the return trip at 1 a.m., and, as it arrives there about 3, a stay of four hours will be given at the pleasurable resort. The ball is given by the management of the hotel at the Beach, and music will be furnished by Esputa's Orchestra, as well as the regular Cosine Regular. well as the regular Casino Band.

All of the inconveniences and annoyances of railroad travel to New York and Boston are avoided by taking the Norfolk and Washington steamboats to Norfolk, and there taking the Old Dominion line to New York by sea, or the steamer for Boston and the east. The Norfolk and Washington steamers leave every evening in the reast. steamers leave every evening in the year at 7 p.m., arriving at Norfolk early the next morning. Stop-over privileges are allowed passengers to visit Fortress Monroe, Virginia Beach and the many delightful and ginia Beach and the many delightful and interesting places around Ol 1 Point Comfort. The steamers have every convenience and comfort, luxuriously furnished, lighted by electricity, and their tables are supplied with everything in season. This sea trip is becoming more and more popular as the season advances.

The usual regular Sunday trips to River View will be made tomorrow by the steamer Samuel J. Pentz, which will leave her wharf, foot of 7th street, at 11 a.m., 2:45 and 6:15 p.m. and will return at 1, 5, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. The new water chute, which is the great attraction of the season and down which 65,000 persons have ridden since the 1st of June, will be in full operation, as will be all the other attractions on the grounds. In addition to the Christian the grounds. In addition to this Chris. Arth's fine orchestra will be heard in concert both afterncon and evening. Those who wish to spend a pleasant day away from the heat of the city should visit River View tomorrow.

In spite of the rainy weather the excursion of the employes of the Eckington and Soldiers' Home and Belt Line railway to River View yesterday was a great success and was attended by nearly 1,200 persons. The day was spent most enjoyably in "shooting the chate," dancing and with the numerous other attractions

Slight Fire on H Street.

A slight fire was occasioned about 11 o'clock this morning by a defective gas stove in the office of Dr. Alice W. Harvey, at 1311 H street northwest. The house is rented by Miss Emma Wheat, and the fire gained some little headway before it was discovered, the smoke from it being laid to other causes. Upon the arrival of the chemi cal the blaze was put out in short order, and the damage will amount to not more than a couple of hundred dollars. There was no insurance. The fire started in the corner of a back room used by the doctor as a private office, and was confined to one corner. The loss is principally in clothes and professional

FLAGSTONES WENT FLYING

Explosions in an Electric Wire Conduit Cause Excitement.

Local Democrats Will Unite to De

The Pavement in Front of the Trea-

sury Blown Up-Caused by the Ignition of Gas.

Several loud explosions startled and frightened everybody in the vicinity of the Treasury Department about 10 o'clock last night, and attracted a large crowd of excited people to the neighborhood. Those who were first to investigate found that several of the large flagstones on the west side of 15th street, in front of the treasury building, lying above the underground condult of the United States Electric Light Company, had been blown up, and it was concluded that the ignition of gas colected in the conduit had caused the explesions. Four eruptions occurred, two near the northeast corner of the treasury and the others at the southeast corner. They occurred at intervals of a few minutes each, and owing to this peculiarity a large group of persons placed themselves in serious danger. When the first explosion came a large flagstone, measuring eight feet by four, at the northeast corner of the treasury, was blown three or four feet in the air. As soon as the people in the vicinity recovered from the shock a number of them ran over to the scene to ascertain the cause. Two or three scenes of the scene to ascertain the cause. three scores of the curious were engaged in examining the hole in the sidewalk when the second explosion occurred and a smaller flagstone only a few feet away was thrown high in the air.

There was an immediate scramble for

safety by the over-zealous investigators, and one man was so frightened that he fell flat on his face and went through all the motions of swimming on the concrete. The guards in the treasury were very much ex-cited, some of them thinking that an attack was being made on the cash room and vaults, but their anxiety was quickly al-The construction of the power house of the Washington and Baltimore electric railroad at Lakeland, Md., by non-union labor and by members of the union under conditions in violation of the international pany and precinct station No. 1 were notified, and electricians and additional policy being reported, the delegate was different pany and precinct station No. 1 were notified, and electricians and additional policy being reported. licemen were soon present. A rope was stretched to keep back the crowd, and Superintendent Chamberlain put his men to work repairing the damage to the conduit and the cables containing the wires.
Capt. A. A. Thomas, president of the company, also came quickly to the spot, and was of the opinion that gas had accumulated in the conduit and had been ignited from an electric spark, as an unusually heavy current was on, the entire power of the engines being exerted at the time to discover the whereabouts of a grounded wire near the Bijou Opera House. District Electrician Allen was of a similar opinion as to the cause of the explosion. He thought a spark from an improperly insulated wire ignited the gas.

The property of the Electric Light Company was but slightly damaged.

DOES NOT FEAR A SECESSION. What is Said Here About the Pitts-

burg Knights of Labor. A dispatch sent from Pittsburg one day this week stated that Local Assembly No. 200, Knights of Labor, better known as Window Glass Workers, had decided to pay \$2,000 delinquent per capita tax to the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor, whose headquarters are in Washington, and to withdraw from the order.

As local No. 300 has about \$100,000 in the treasury, which in the event of the secessicn of the body would, under the constitution and by-laws of the order of the K. of L., revert to the General Assembly, the reported action of the Pittsburg local attracted much attention throughout the country.

Inquiry at the headquarters of the Knights of Labor brought the information that no check for \$2,000 or any other the big pavilion to the music of Schroeder's amount has reached there from the parties referred to, and it was believed there was me mistake as to the reported action of the Window Glass Workers. The general worthy foreman, who in the absence of General Master Workman Sovertign is the head of the order, and is now in this city, said in answer to questions from

a Star reporter:
"In reply to your query as to the alleged secession of the Window Glass Workers of America, known also as Local Assembly No. 300, Knights of Labor, and the reasons

"Local Assembly 300 occupies a unique of the position among the associations subordinate to the General Assembly. Special laws have been adopted to govern its affairs, and powers granted to it which practically make it a National District Assembly in the window glass trade. The headquarters are in Pittsburg, with subdivisions, that are known as preceptories, throughout the country, all working under the central body.
"The convention which is reported to have just voted to withdraw from the order is composed of delegates from the various preceptories, and under their own and our laws no such action as is reported could be taken which would be binding upon the total membership. All important measures must be submitted to a referendum vote of the membership throughout the country, and in such a case as this the general constitution provides, in article 51, section 201: 'Any member of the order advocating its disruption, or the withdrawal of any local assembly or other assembly from the order, shall by that act stand ex-pelled from the order.'
"This may seem a harsh provision, but

when it is understood that any member is free at any time to settle his accounts and honorably withdraw from the society, which on entering he has pledged his honor to support and maintain it will be acknowledged that only by such a provision could constant trouble be avoided from men who come in only from a desire to disrupt. cause every few months this same report is

spread broadcast, with the intention of in-fluencing public opinion against the order and retarding the growth which is so constantly going on.
"Every officer in Local Assembly 300, as well as throughout the order, as a portion of the ceremony by which he is installed into office, takes a solemn obligation that in case of the lapsing of the assembly he will turn over every tittle of property of each and every kind to the 'officer legally authorized to receive the same,' which in this case would be the G. S. T., so that the claim made in the lying dispatch sent over

the wires, that, on payment of some ar-rears, the other assets of the assembly would be safe, is wholly without foundaion.
"Under our laws ten members can hold the charter of any assembly, together with all that implies, and whatever discord and dissension may exist over affairs peculiar to the glass workers themselves, I am satisfied that no secession from the order will occur. No word of any kind has been re-ceived here regarding the matter, and I have reason to think it is only the usual

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Him Honor. The democratic central committee meet ing at the Metropolitan Hotel last night was presided over by Chairman Thomas B Kalbfus, with T. F. Cook, secretary, and attended by twenty of the twenty-two members. The program, as outlined in yester day's Star, was carried out. A committee was appointed, consisting of Chairman Kalbfus and Messrs. Boyle, Killeen, Doyle, Scanlon, Kelly, Small, Wittekindt, Miller, Cook and Darling, to confer with all the democratic organizations in the city and secure their co-operation in making the reception of Candidate Wm. J. Bryan, when he comes to this city, a great occasion, and to ascertain their views as to the most fit-ting character the celebration should take. Each club and association will be asked to send three delegates to a conference to be send three delegates to a conference to be held next Tuesday night at Myer's Hotel. The proceedings of this conference will be reported to a meeting of the central committee, to be held next Friday night at Myer's Hotel, and then all the details for the recention will be completed and the full the reception will be completed and the full

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